

# Fall 2008 - 2009 Awards

## *\$570.000 in New Grants Just Awarded Promoting Quality Leisure, Learning and Culture*

### **\$273,000 in grants to support recreational programs administered by the Parks & Recreation Department**

- The Build-A-Dream program will receive \$30,000 to fund scholarships for 360 children to attend activities and programs during the fall/summer 2009 season, which includes swim lessons, summer day camps, sports and recreational classes.
- The Dream Music program will receive \$13,000 for youth to receive free music lessons, which could fund up to 2,340 participants in three locations.
- The LEAF Program will receive \$15,000 for the planting of 375 trees in Arlington neighborhoods and public spaces.
- Eight city parks will benefit from \$100,000 in new playground shade structures, which will protect playground equipment from the hot summer sun and allow children to play without the threat of heat-related injury.
- Randol Mill Park will receive \$100,000 for barrier-free playground equipment, which will allow the park to become the City's first fully accessible playground for children with physical and mental disabilities.
- Elzie Odom Recreation Center and Meadowbrook Recreation Center will share \$15,000 for facility upgrades and general repairs.

### **\$57,700 in grants to libraries and literacy programming**

- Lamar High School will receive \$10,000 for upgrades to the school library. The goal is to develop a 21st century library that provides contemporary fiction and nonfiction library resources in web-based formats that include e-books and i-pods.
- Dunn Elementary will receive \$2,700 for computer laptops for teachers and students to support advanced learning.
- The City of Arlington Public Library System will receive \$45,000 for two projects: To enhance special collections at the Central Library and increase retention and the overall success rate of students enrolled in the Family Literacy program.

### **\$27,300 to underwrite local beautification efforts that enhance safety and quality of life**

- Arlington Code Ranger program will receive \$2,300 for volunteer recruitment and recognition programs.
- The Public Works and Transportation Department will receive \$13,500 for facility upgrades to park and ride lots.
- Mt. Olive Day Care will receive \$11,500 for new security fencing and locks for its playground and school yard.

### **\$73,900 in grants awarded to support local arts and culture**

- Arlington Historical Society will receive \$17,900 for upgrades at Knapp Heritage Park.
- The Arlington Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee will receive \$5,000 for a jazz festival at the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts.
- Friends of the Levitt Pavilion will receive \$30,000 for a children's series and concert series.
- Theatre Arlington will receive \$20,000 to fund its ACTS UP program.
- The Vietnamese Community of Tarrant County will receive \$1,000 for a Vietnamese Memorial Day essay-writing competition.

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## **\$137,700 dedicated to programs which will help strengthen Arlington's youth and families**

- The Arlington Life Shelter will receive \$13,000 for a healthy lifestyle/ wellness program and cooking classes for homeless families.
- Arlington Urban Ministries will receive \$15,000 for emergency utility and rental assistance programs for at-risk, working families.
- The Boys & Girls Club will receive \$20,000 for its SMART program, which focuses on self-esteem, positive peer involvement and anti-drug initiatives.
- Teen Court will receive \$3,000 for more volunteer recruitment and recognition.
- The Down Syndrome Partnership will receive \$4,000 to fund a summer camp for children. The Looe the Training Wheels Program is modeled after a nationally recognized initiative which teaches bicycle skills and development skills among children with Downs Syndrome.
- Dental Health Arlington will receive \$10,000 to fund oral health scholarships for approximately 1,250 students in the first, second and third grade in five economically disadvantaged schools.
- The Filipino American Church will receive \$1,500 for a science/ garden tutoring program at Short Elementary School.
- Friends of the Levitt Pavilion will receive \$10,000 for concert series sponsorship.
- HOPE Tutoring will receive \$10,000 for tutoring services and materials for at-risk students.
- Mental Health Retardation will receive \$15,000 for the first-of-its-kind multi-sensory environmental room for disabled clients at the MHMR Vision Center.
- Miracle League will receive \$10,000 for its upcoming spring baseball season, offering children with mental and physical disabilities a free team sports experience.
- Mission Metroplex will receive \$20,000 to fund a transportation program, which takes clients to and from healthcare appointments, job training, school and after-school programs.
- Special Olympics will receive \$5,000 for year-round sporting activities for individuals with disabilities.
- The Vietnamese Community of Tarrant County will receive \$1,200 for upgrades to its community center, which has the potential to serve more than 12,000 members of the local Vietnamese community.

*The Foundation is currently evaluating the next round of applications for Building Safe & Strong Neighborhoods. Recipients will be announced in July.*